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* The April 5th trip to Holy Island/Lindisfarne (EU-120) by Chris M0DOL has been canceled due to ill health. We wish Chris a complete quick recovery.

24/03/2008: Eddy, K5WQG will be QRV from Placencia, Belize, March 24th through April 3rd as V31MR, including and entry in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest. Look for activity outside the contest on CW, RTTY and SSB. QSL via LoTW. QSL manager is N5ET for paper cards. [QRZ.com]

27/03/2008: Filip/ON4AEO and Kath/ON7BK together with radioclub Secunda members Gert/ZS6GC, Sid/ZS5AYC, Lucas/ZS6ACT, Tom/ZS6TMO, Adele/ZR6APT, Edwin/ZS5BBO, Janet/ZS5JAN, Steffi and Elna will be QRV from the Katse Dam in the Kingdom of Lesotho as 7P8FC between March 27 and April 3, 2008. Expected frequencies are: SSB - 1.845, 3.780, 7.063, 14.185, 18.136, 21.290, 24.930 and 28.490 MHz; RTTY - 3.590, 7.040, 14.084, 18.104, 21.084, 24.924 and 28.084 MHz; and PSK - 7.038, 14.072, 18.102, 21.072, 24.922 and 28.122 MHz. The QSL route is via ON4CJK, direct or bureau. Further information and updates available at: www.7p8fc.be/index.htm [NG3K]

27/03/2008: Steve, 9M6DXX will operate as 9M8Z from Sarawak, East Malaysia, March 27-30th, including a SOABHP entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via 9M6DXX (Steve Telenius-Lowe, WDT 527, 88905 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia). [425 DX News]

27/03/2008: Svein, LA9JKA (JX9JKA) will be "very active" from Jan Mayen (EU-022, Grid IQ60) from March 27th through October 8th. He plans to operate SSB and digital modes on 160m-70cm, plus 2m EME. QSL via home call. [F5NQL]

27/03/2008: Operators Kuny/W1FPU (7L1FPU), Satoshi/N2QP and Masashi/KH0TL will be active as homecall/p from Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (OC-086) from March 27th-31st. They will also participate in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) as AH0BT, a Multi-Single or Multi-2 entry. QSL KH0/N2QP direct, with SAE and 1 IRC or 1USD (Satoshi Kouya, 2-7-5 Iwamoto-cho, Chiyoda, Tokyo 101-0032 Japan). QSL KH0/W1FPU and AH0BT via 7L1FPU, direct or bureau. QSL KH0TL via 7L1FFH, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

27/03/2008: Luciano, CT1HHP will be active again as S92FM from Sao Tome (AF-023, WLOTA LH-1223) from March 27th to April 2nd. He plans to operate mainly RTTY and PSK31, and to give 60 metres a try. QSL via home call. [425 DX News]

27/03/2008: Dave, W5CW will be active March 27th to April 9th as VP5/W5CW from the VP5JM 'Hamlet' on Providenciales (NA-002), Turks & Caicos Islands, including a Single-Op/All-Band entry in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) using the special call VQ58V. Outside the contest Dave will be QRV 160-6m (including WARC bands), using CW and

SSB. On 6m he will use a M2 7 element yagi at 30 feet (Grid FL31VS). All QSLs via W5CW. [NG3K]

27/03/2008: Operators Trent/VK4TI, Tony/VK3TZ and Laurie/VK4VCC will be active as YJ0AX from Vanuatu, New Hebrides (OC-035) between March 27th and April 2nd, including a Multi-Two entry in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30, 2008) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via N3SL. [NG3K]

28/03/2008: Operators BV8BC, BV8BQ, BV8SE and BX8AD will be active March 28-31st as BV9O from Orchid Island [Lan Yu] (AS-155, also count for WLOTA LH-0626). QSL via BV8BC. [425 DX News]

28/03/2008: Gwenael, F4EFI reports that Guildas, FT5XR will be in Port aux Francais, Kerguelen Island (AF-048, DIFO FT-011, WLOTA LH-0439) the morning of March 28th. "He must be present on 40m from the morning to begin. He hopes have the propagation." QSL via F4EFI, direct or bureau. [F4EFI]

28/03/2008: Michel/F6GWV and Gildas/F6HMQ will be active as TO6T from Guadeloupe Island (NA-102, DIFO FG-001, WLOTA LH-0644) between March 28th and April 8th. QSL via F6HMQ. [425 DX News]

29/03/2008: Gianni, I1UWF will be active as 3A/I1UWF from Monaco on March 29th. Look for him around 18140 khz and 14240 khz between 1400 and 1700 UTC. QSL via home call. [425 DX News]

29/03/2008: Gia, 4L4WW will be active from Obcha, Georgia, as 4L0A during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. No bands were mentioned. QSL via EA7FTR. [NG3K]

29/03/2008: Operators Stefano/IK2QEI, Matt/IK2SGC and Saaid/CN8WW will be active from the Kingdom of Morocco as 5D5A during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via I2WIJ, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

29/03/2008: Operators David/KY1V, John/K6AM and Scott/W4PA will be active from Hopewell, Jamaica (NA-097, WLOTA LH-0214) as 6Y1V during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via OH3RB, direct preferred but bureau ok. [OPDX Bulletin]

29/03/2008: Olli, OH0XX/HP1WW, will be active as 8R1K during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as a All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via HP1WW/OH0XX/EA4BQ, direct or bureau. [OPDX Bulletin]

29/03/2008: Wolfgang, OE1WWL will be active March 29-31st as 9V1OE from Singapore (AS-019). Expect activity on all bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [RSGB IOTA]

29/03/2008: Siggi/TF3CW, Jorma/OH2KI, Ville/OH2MM, Marko/OH6DO, Vilho/OH2ZZ, Manuel/EA8ZS, Pekka/EA8AH and Juan/EA8CAC will be active from Gran Canaria Island (DIE S-005 for the Spanish Islands Award, WLOTA LH-0969), Canary Islands (AF-004), during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL via EA8AH, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

29/03/2008: The ART Team (Amateur Radio Taipei) will be QRV from the QTH of BU2AQ located in Taipei, Taiwan R.O.C. (AS-020, WLOTA LH-0022), for the CQWW WPX SSB Contest as a Multi-Multi entry. Operators mentioned are Tung-Ying/BU2AQ, Eddie/BV2DD, Bruce/BV2KI, Evan/BV2KS, Lee/BV2NT, Tang/BM2AAV, James/BX2AAM and Tall/BX9AAA. QSL direct to BV2KI (P.O. Box 84-609, Taipei, Taiwan). [NG3K]

29/03/2008: Look for BP0W to be QRV from Tainan, Taiwan R.O.C. (AS-020, WLOTA LH-0022), for the CQWW WPX SSB Contest. Operators include BX6AP, DS1RDJ, DS4NMJ and JP6VTI. QSL via BX6AP. [NG3K]

29/03/2008: Hart, DL7BC will be active from Morocco as CN2BC during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via DL7BC. [NG3K]

29/03/2008: Look for Jim, W7EJ to be QRV as CN2R from Morocco during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) entry. WARC and maybe EME before the test. QSL via W7EJ. [NG3K]

29/03/2008: Helmut, DF7ZS will be active from Santana, Ilha da Madeira (AF-014, DIP MA-001 for the Portuguese Islands Award, WLOTA LH-0053) as CS9L (or CT9L) during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. He is also planing some pre and post contest operation, if time permits, as CT3/DF7ZS. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

29/03/2008: Operators Jose/CT1ENQ and Paulo/CT1ETE will be active as CT7X during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as a Multi-Single/Lower-Power entry. QSL via CT1ENQ. [OPDX Bulletin]

29/03/2008: Operators Cho/DS5TOS, Ho/6K5WOB, Si-yeul/6K5XYB, Ha/6K5XQE, Bae/6K5YPD, Kenny/6K5YOQ and Tai/DS2NMJ will be active as D73D during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest from Daego City, Korea. QSL Manager is DS5TOS. [OPDX Bulletin]

29/03/2008: Operator Emir/OE1EMS and a team will be active as E77DX during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via OE1EMS (QSL also is "OK" via T98U). [OPDX Bulletin]

29/03/2008: Look for Jorge, EA9LZ to be active from Ceuta during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest as either EA9LZ or EE9Z, a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via EA9LZ (QRZ.com). [NG3K]

29/03/2008: Members of the RZS Amateur Radio Club (W2RZS) are currently finalizing plans to operate from the new DXCC entity of St. Barthelemy (NA-146, DIFO FJ-001, WLOTA LH-0377) for the upcoming CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th). The W2RZS team will tentatively consist of Bob/WB2NVR, Mike/WA2VQW, Bob/N2DVQ and Adam/N2DHH. They will be concentrating on 160m and the 30/17/12 meter bands before and after the contest, and of course operate 80/40/20/15/10 meters during the contest. Mike/WA2VQW reports, "Our antennas will be the same as we have been using for our three previous J75 DXpeditions. We hope to get as many of you in our log as possible during our 7 day stay. Please don't hesitate to give us a call, we will look for the 'weak ones' and the MOBILES!" [OPDX Bulletin]

29/03/2008: Operators Edwin/HI3K, Tino/HI3CCP and Dani/EA4ATI will be active as HI3C from Lomas del Toro (Lomadeltoro Contest Team's HI3CCP station) in Santiago, Dominican Republic (NA-096, WLOTA LH-2974) during the CQ WPX SSB Contest as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via ON4IQ. [OPDX Bulletin]

29/03/2008: Ted, HI3TEJ will be active as HI3T from the Dominican Republic (NA-096, WLOTA LH-2974) during the CQ WPX SSB Contest as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via ON4IQ. [OPDX Bulletin]

29/03/2008: Dan, HR2DMR will be QRV as HQ2W for the CQ WPX SSB Contest from Honduras, using mono-band yagis, as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power

entry. QSL via HR2DMR. [NG3K]

29/03/2008: The TEN-FIFTY Contest Group will be active as IO5O during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as a Multi-Single entry. Current operators mentioned are: IK5ROS, IK5RLP, IK5YJY, IK5EBL, IZ5EKV and IZ5EME. QSL via IK5RLP, direct or by the bureau. A real-time log, audio and video feeds will be available at www.ik5ros.net [OPDX Bulletin]

29/03/2008: Operators Marcello/IT9ABY, John/IT9DQM, Sal/IT9HUV and Joe/IT9RBW will be active as IR9Y from Sicily (EU-025, IIA SC-001, MIA MI-107, WLOTA LH-1362) during the CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via IT9ABY. [OPDX Bulletin]

29/03/2008: Naran, JT1BV will be active from Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, in the CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL direct only (QRZ.com). [NG3K]

29/03/2008: Look for Philippe, LX2A to be active from Luxembourg as LX7I during the CQ WPX SSB Contest as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LX2A. [NG3K]

29/03/2008: Members of the Cray Valley RS will be active as M8C during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as a Multi-? entry. QSL via G4DFI. [OPDX Bulletin]

29/03/2008: Koji, JL3RDC will be signing NH0DX from the Northern Mariana Islands (OC-086) during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th). No entry category was given. QSL via home call (QRZ.com). [NG3K]

29/03/2008: Frans, ON4LBN/p will activate the Castle of Crevecoeur (BCA reference NM-018, for the Belgium Castles Award), located at Bouvigne (Dinant) on March 29th. Look for activity mainly on 80 and 40 meters. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [ON4LBN]

29/03/2008: Operators Alex/RW4WR, Dima/RX3DCX and Harry/RA3AUU will be active from the island of Cyprus (AS-004, MIA MCI-002, WLOTA LH-0051) as P33W for the CQWW WPX SSB Contest as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via RA3AUU. [NG3K]

29/03/2008: Geoffrey/ON6JK, Hugo/ON4CF, Michel/ON8MP, Geert/ON7GF, Dirk/ON7DS and Alfons/ON4AWT will be active as PA/homecalls from Schouwen Duiveland (EU-146) and the West Schouwen lighthouse (ARLHS NET-029, WW Loc. JO11UQ) between March 29th and April 4th. They plan to operate CW, SSB and PSK on the HF bands, and possibly on 6 and 2 metres as well. QSL via home calls. [425 DX News]

29/03/2008: Operators Bill/SV5AZP, Panos/SV5AZK, Mike/SV5DDP, Steve/SV5DKL, Stelios/SV5DZR, Giota/SV5FRB, Denis/SV5FRD, Sarris/SV5KJC and Yannis/SV5KKJ will be signing SX5P during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest from Rhodes [aka Rodos] Island (MIA MGD-028, LH-0045), Dodecanese Islands (EU-001) as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL via SV5FRD, direct preferred but bureau ok. [NG3K]

29/03/2008: Operator Urcun, TA0U, will be active during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) entry. QSL direct to TA0U. [OPDX Bulletin]

29/03/2008: Yasar, TA3D, will be active from Turkey as TC3D during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power

entry. QSL via TA3D. [OPDX Bulletin]

29/03/2008: Look for operators Huda/TA7OM, Ayhan/TA7N, Mustafa/TA2MW and others to be QRV from Turkey as TC7KA during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via TA7KA (QRZ.com). [NG3K]

29/03/2008: Chris, FM1II and group will be active as TO1C during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest from the island of Martinique (NA-107, DIFO FM-001, LH-1041). They also plan to be active for 15 days after the contest. QSL via ON4IQ, direct preferred but bureau OK. [NG3K]

29/03/2008: Al, F5VHJ will be QRV as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest using the call sign TO5A from the island of Martinique (NA-107, DIFO FM-001, LH-1041). QSL via F5VHJ. [NG3K]

29/03/2008: Nobby, G0VJG will once again be QRV as V25V from the V26B super station at Gunthroppes, Antigua Island (NA-100, LH-1118) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via G4DFI, direct only. [NG3K]

29/03/2008: Gordon, N5AU will be QRV as VP2E from the island of Anguilla (NA-022) during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest as a Muti-Single entry. He will be testing some new antennas. QSL via N5AU, direct only. [NG3K]

29/03/2008: Operators ZL2AL, ZL2ST, ZL2LF, ZL2FAR and ZL2QM will be active from the north island of New Zealand (OC-036, WLOTA LH-0069) as ZM2M during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via ZL2AL. [NG3K]

29/03/2008: Members of the Orari Kebayoran Radio Club will activate their club station YB0ZDA during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as a Multi-Op/All-Band (no 160m) entry. Operators mentioned are Fan/YB0AI, Anna/YE0ANA, Rani/YC0UI, Kar/YB0NDT, Pri/YB0ECT and Gus/YB0MJY. QSL via YB0ZDA, direct or by the bureau. [OPDX Bulletin]

29/03/2008: Adhi, YB3MM will be active as YB3MM/9 from Menjangan Island (OC-022), Indonesia, during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via IZ8CCW, direct or bureau. [F5NQL]

30/03/2008: Franck F4DBJ, will be active March 30th to April 17th as 5R8HT from Ivato, Madagascar (AF-013, also count for LH-2455). Look for activity 80-10m holiday style. He also plans to be active from Nattes Island (AF-090, LH-0100) as 5R8HT/p. QSL via home call. [F5NQL]

01/04/2008: Slavo, SP2JMB reports he will operate mostly CW as 3B9/SP2JMB from Rodrigues Island (AF-017) between April 1-8th and 3B8/SP2JMB from Mauritius Island (AF-049) between April 9-24th. QSL via home call. [425 DX News]

01/04/2008: Look for Nobby, G0VJG to be active from the island of Montserrat (NA-103, Grid FK86), April 1-3rd, as VP2MAD. QRV on all HF bands, plus 6m, SSB only. QSL via G4DFI, direct only. [NG3K]

03/04/2008: Retu, OH4MDY will be active as XU7MDY from Sihanouk Ville (Kompong Som), Cambodia, April 3-14th. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL via OH4MDY, direct only. [OPDX Bulletin]

04/04/2008: Orrin, K9KEJ will be active again from the jungle in eastern Costa Rica from April 4-11th. He will operate as TI6/K9KEJ mostly on 20 meters, with some 17 and 15m activity at scattered times. QSL via home call. [425 DX News]

04/04/2008: Kirk (ITAYA, WE8A, JF3MYU) will be QRV as WE8A/KH2 April 4-5th from the island of Guam (OC-026, USi GU-003S, LH-0064) on 80-12m SSB with some CW. QSL direct only to his JA address: Kirk Itaya, 5-1-35, Daikaidori, Hyogo-ku, Kobe, 652-0803, JAPAN. [NG3K]

Be sure to check Bill's (NG3K) Web site for updated CQWW WPX SSB Contest activity at: ng3k.com/Misc/wpxs2008.html

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LOOKING AHEAD -

05/04/2008: Look for Rick, KI4QFE/p to be active April 5th from Dauphin Island (NA-213, USi AL-002S, Mobile County), Alabama. QRV 20 meters only from 1400 UTC. QSL via home call. [RSGB IOTA]

11/04/2008: Special call sign OT7G will be aired April 11-13th, starting Friday 1400 UTC non stop until Sunday 1400 UTC from the Castle De Ghellinck (BCA reference OV-032, WW Loc. JO10ST), Elsegem, Belgium. QRV using CW, SSB and some digital modes on 20, 15 and 10m with 3 element fritzel, 40m with vertical and 100 radials, 80m with vertical and 100 radials, dipole inverted V for 40m and 80m. Perhaps 160m dipole, 2m FM and ATV. QSL via ON4MRX, bureau or direct (P.O. Box 15, Anzegem 8570 WV, Belgium) with SAE and 1 IRC. For Belgium members SAE and stamp. SWL cards welcome. [F5NQL]

14/04/2008: Stefan, DF8HS will be active from Langeland Island (EU-172, DIA FY-019, WLOTA LH-0590) as OZ/DF8HS from April 14-26th. QRV 80-10m using SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via home call. [RSGB IOTA]

17/04/2008: Ray/K9DUR and Pam/KC9JMA will be homecall/p from Dauphin Island (NA-213, USi AL-002S, Mobile County), Alabama, from April 17-22nd. Look for activity on the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [RSGB IOTA]

24/04/2008: Noantri DX & Contest team members Andy/IZ0EHO, Vincenzo/IZ0FKE and possibly others will be active as IE9N from Ustica Island (EU-051, IIA PA-001, MIA MI-116, WLOTA LH-0848) between April 24th and May 1st. QSL via IZ0FKE, direct or bureau. [RSGB IOTA]

17/05/2008: Eddie/VK4AN, his son Raj/VK4FRAJ and others (pending) plan to be active from Malolo Lailai Island, Mamanuca Group (OC-121) as 3D2ET from May 17-31st. QRV 160-6m using CW, PSK31, RTTY and SSB. Focus will be on digital modes and the WARC bands, plus an entry in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th) as 3D2A. QSL via VK4AN, direct/bureau/LoTW. Assistance and Supporters appreciated - work to get Photo QSL posted direct from the Island. [NG3K]

17/05/2008: Look for J.Louis, F4EWU/p to be active May 17-18th from the Castle musee of Tournon Sur Rhone (first time activation), Department Ardeche/07, Province of Rhone-Alps (DPF 22). QRV in HF and VHF. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [F4EWU]

20/05/2008: Look for Kent, SM5ELV to be QRV May 20-21st from Kuuskajaskari (EU-173) using the call sign OH1/SM5ELV. He is there on a business tour, so activity will be in his spare time. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [RSGB IOTA]

24/05/2008: A Mini Dxpedition to Piel Island (EU-005) by members of the CQ CQ Portable Group, UK, will take place May 24th and 25th using the special call sign GB0PIA. Operators include John/M0JFE, Ian/2E0EDX, Brian/2E0OYG, Nathan/2E0OCC, Greg/2E0RXX, Sean/2E0BAX and Liam/M3ZRY. They plan to be QRV 160m-70cm (no 30m). Of course band conditions will determine which will be used. Equipment will consist of FT817 rigs with 80w linear for HF and various antenna systems. Various radios for 2m, 6m and 70cm, with beams and verticals. On 6m they will monitor 50.150 USB and 51.500 USB. On 2m the frequencies will be 145.500 and 144.300 USB. The 70cm frequency will be 433.500 MHz. Piel Island lies half a mile (1 km) off the southern tip of the Furness Peninsula in the administrative county of Cumbria (WW Loc. IO84JB, WAB square SD26). Further information and updates, can be found at:
www.hamuniverse.com/pielislanddxpedition.html [M0JFE]

27/05/2008: Tomas, LY1F will be QRV May 27-29th from Macau as XX9xx (TBA). This will be irregular holiday style operation, mainly CW on the higher bands. QSL route to be confirmed later. [NG3K]

19/06/2008: Tomas, LY1F will be QRV June 19-21st from Hong Kong as VR2/VK2CCC. This will be irregular holiday style operation, mainly CW on the higher bands. QSL route to be confirmed later. [NG3K]
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SPECIAL EVENTS -

24/03/2008: Pontefract & District Amateur Radio Society are running special event station GB0BUZZ from March 24-30th. The station marks the visit of astronaut and moon walker Buzz Aldrin to Pontefract on Sunday, March 30th. Colonel Aldrin is giving a presentation at Carleton High School during the evening. The station should be on the air daily on 80m and 40m HF amateur bands and on 2m VHF. Other bands depend on availability of operators and band conditions. There is a commemorative GB0BUZZ QSL card for QSOs; reports from SWLs will be especially welcome. Further information can be found at: www.pdars.com/pages/buzzaldrin/ [M0JRQ]

28/03/2008: The past fifteen years have witnessed the emergence of new challenges in the security environment. As a result, the frequency of NATO summit meetings has increased. From the founding of NATO until 1990 - over forty years - there were ten summit meetings. The following sixteen years saw eleven more. In total, twenty-one summit meetings have taken place. Between April 2-4th, the next summit meeting will in Bucharest, Romania. To mark this event, look for special event station YO22NATO to be on the air between March 28th and April 9th. Activity will be on all bands and different modes. QSL via YO3KAA, direct (QRZ.com) or bureau. [OPDX Bulletin]

28/03/2008: Special event stations G0RFC from Cornwall and G3RAF from Devon will be aired between March 28th and April 6th as part of the RAFARS celebrations. QSL via the RSGB bureau. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

29/03/2008: Members of the Radio Club "Varazdin" (9A1HDE/9A7A) will be active as 9A60A from March 29th to December 31st to celebrate the 60th anniversary of their Radio Club. First activity is scheduled to take place during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th). QSL via 9A7A, direct or by the bureau. [OPDX Bulletin]

29/03/2008: The French Department "Ville de Paris" was created on January 1, 1968. To celebrate the 40th anniversary, the Radio-Club de

Paris (F6KVP) will be active under five special event call signs between March 29th and June 7th as follows: March 29-April 12 as TM2I; and May 24-June 7 as TM7S. QSL via F6KVP. Information on the relevant award can be found at: arp75.free.fr/ [425 DX News]

01/04/2008: Special event station 8J1KID will be aired between April and May 5th to celebrate "Activating Amateur Radio among Our Juniors". QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/04/2008: Special event station 8J7OZE will be aired between April 1st and September 30th to commemorate "The Birth of Oze National Park". Opened on August 30, 2007, the park is an area consisting of wetlands and mountains in Chubu, Japan. The park's area includes the marshes and the mountains in the Oze area, formerly part of the Nikko National Park, and other nearby areas including the Aizu-Komagatake and Tashiroyama mountains. The park is 37,200-hectares in area and includes parts of Fukushima, Tochigi, Gunma and Niigata prefectures. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/04/2008: Special event station 8J8HTS will be aired between April 1st and July 9th for the G8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit. This activity will be from the other seven branch areas, excluding Iburi-Hidaka-branch (which includes Toyako), under the JARL Hokkaido-district. Look for activity on all bands and modes. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/04/2008: Special event station 8N1300WD will be aired between April 1st and October 31st for the 1300th anniversary of the discovery of native copper in Japan (or Wado), which was consecrated to the Emperor at that time (708AD). QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/04/2008: The ISWL Club Callsigns in use during April 2008 will be:
GX4BJC /A - Operated from Ivybridge, in Devon, by Peter - G4VFG. (WAB Square = SX65-DVN & IOTA = EU-005).
MX1SWL /A - Operated from Bagulay, Near Manchester, by Ron - G6BMY. (WAB Square = SJ88-TRA & IOTA = EU-005).
The ISWL's WAB Book numbers are: 16316 and 16724.
All QSL Info is on www.iswl.org.uk or www.qrz.com or via www.eQSL.cc
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ISWL Awards are available to all Hams and SWL's - see www.iswl.org.uk for full details.
eQSL.cc cards ARE accepted for our awards. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

01/04/2008: The RAF was formed on 1st April 1918 and RAFARS will be celebrating this 90th anniversary. GB90RAF will be on air from our Cosford HQ from 0800z to 2000z on Tuesday April 1st.
"2008 is also the 70th anniversary of the year when CARTS (Cranwell Amateur Radio Transmitters Society) became the RAF wide RAFARS and the G8FC licence was issued as the Voice of the Society so the Society's aim is for a major on-air presence to mark all those special anniversaries. On 1 April 2008, we will attempt to activate every RAF, RFC & FC callsign we have plus every GB-RAF SES we can get. In addition all the Area Callsign holders, affiliated Clubs and ATC formations are invited to participate. We hope to plan something similar in combination with RAF Cosford Air Show on June 1st which has the 90th anniversary as its theme. Confirmed participants for 1 April 2008 (those that are also AOTA activations will say so on-air on the day): GB90RAF and G8FC / G8RAF from RAF Cosford (RAF celebration); GB70RAF from Dorset (RAFARS celebration from 28 March to 6 April); GM3RAF from RAF Kinloss for 1

April; G3RAF from Devon 28 March to 6 April except 1 April; G0RFC from Cornwall about 28 March to 6 April; GB0RAF from North East Aircraft Museum (Middleton); GB1RAF from a WW1 airfield north of the Humber; GB2RAF from RAF Neatishead; 2E1RAF from Cumbria; G0RAF from Lincoln (RAF Waddington Club); GB2AIR from Doncaster Aircraft Museum (previously RAF Doncaster and site of first European aviation meeting in 1909); G7RAF from Lincolnshire; G3TCQ from South Yorkshire; G3JDY from East Yorkshire; G3HWY from West Yorkshire; G3EKT from North East; G3PSG from Marske by the Sea RFC & RAF Gunnery School (formerly in North Yorks); G4PSH/p from Stalham Norfolk Air Cadets; M0KAC from Cumbria (Kendal Air Cadets); C/S TBN from Ronaldsway, Isle of Man; and several other area calls are expected. Sad to say G1RAF AND G6RAF are not available for April. We hope for a very special QSL Card for GB90RAF, but for the rest of the Society Stations we plan an individualised card with a common Picture / layout. QSL management - There is no formal leader for this event because we expect many variations and we want everyone to have their best shot and have a fun day. However, if you need a contact - G0DAM Bob is QTHr QRZ. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

01/04/2008: The FISTS CW Club's special call GX0IPX (FISTS #1) will be active during the month of April from the QTH of G3VVP located in Plymouth, England. For members working towards awards/participating in EU sponsored activities etc., the call is worth 5 points. (Exception the WARC activity where its worth 3 points). QSL via M0CDL. [M0BPT]

03/04/2008: The Radio Club of Raismes Arthur Musmeaux (F5KAZ) will animate a holiday for the students and staff of the University of Valenciennes on April 3, 2008. Club members will be active using the special call sign TM0FAC on HF on 20, 40 and 80 meters and on VHF on the adjoining repeaters. For each QSO special QSL card will be sent. [UBA HF News]

05/04/2008: France Special event - Open doors at the Cern (European Research Center for Nuclear) April 6th 2008 0700 to 1700 utc. The ARS F6KAR will be on the air using the TM8LHC (TM8 Large Hadron Collider) callsign on April 5 & 6th, all HF bands and more, all modes. Web: cern.ch/f6kar [MMMonVHF]

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at:
www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html
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SIX METERS & UP -

24/03-10/06 OZ/DJ4MG: Vendsyssel-Thy EU-171 Grid:JO47UH 2m SSB 100W 11el yagi @ 16m QSL H/C

24/03-10/06 OZ/DL1TM: Vendsyssel-Thy EU-171 Grid:JO47UH 2m SSB 100W 11el yagi @ 16m QSL H/C

26/03-31/03 V31FB: Ambergris Caye, Belize Grid:EK67AW IC-7000 400W 3el yagi @ 65' QSL W5JON

27/03-09/04 VP5/W5CW: Provo Grid:FL31VS 50.110MHz USB 100W M2-7el @ 30' QSL H/C

30/03/2008: Paolo, F8ENY/p plans to be QRV on VHF/UHF from French grid square JN03TM on March 30th from 0500 to 1100 UTC. Equipment will be IC-706MKIIG, 50W into 9 element yagi on VHF and 24W into 20 element yagi on UHF. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [F5NQL]

01/04/2008: Nobby, G0VJG QRV as VP2MAD from V26B station Grid:K97BC USB 3ele @ 40'

P40ZB will be active in the April 50MHz Open Contest.

* Angel/EA1QF, Pere/EA3CUU, Jose/EA4DB, Eugene/EA4KA, Txema/EA5BWR and Jose/CT1ERC will be active from Dili, Timor Leste (OC-148) for two weeks in June. They plan to operate CW, SSB and other modes using two stations, and to pay special attention to 6 metres. Their goal is to achieve "30,000 plus QSOs in spite of the limitations imposed on us"... More at: www.mmmonvhf.de/latest.php?id=1357

GOT6??? - 6M Information by Andy, N8OFS at: www.noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt
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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

27/03-02/04 S92FM: Ilha de Sao Tome WLOTA:1223 QSL CT1HHP (d/b)
28/03-31/03 BV9O: Lan Yu (Orchid Island) WLOTA:0626 QSL BV8BC (QRZ.com)
28/03 FT5XR: Kerguelen Island AF-048 QSL F4EFI (d/b)
28/03-08/04 TO6T: Guadeloupe Island WLOTA:0644 QSL F6HMQ (d/b)
29/03-30/03 6Y1V: Jamaika Island WLOTA:0214 QSL OH3RB (d/b)
29/03-30/03 AO8A: Isla de Gran Canaria WLOTA:0969 QSL EA8AH (d/b)
29/03-30/03 BP0P: T'ai-Wan WLOTA:0022 QSL BV2KI (d)
29/03-30/03 CS9L or CT9L: Ilha da Madeira WLOTA:0053 QSL DJ6QT (b)
29/03-30/03 HI3C: @ HI3CCP Dominican Rep. WLOTA:2974 QSL ON4IQ (d/b)
29/03-30/03 HI3T: Dominican Rep. WLOTA:2974 QSL ON4IQ (d/b)
29/03-30/03 IR9Y: Sicilia Island WLOTA:1362 QSL IT9ABY (d/b)
29/03-30/03 P33W: Cyprus Island (main) WLOTA:0051 QSL RA3AUU (d/b)
29/03-04/04 PA/ON4AWT: West Schouwen ARLHS:NET-029 QSL H/C (d/b)
29/03-04/04 PA/ON4CF: West Schouwen ARLHS:NET-029 QSL H/C (d/b)
29/03-04/04 PA/ON6JK: West Schouwen ARLHS:NET-029 QSL H/C (d/b)
29/03-04/04 PA/ON7DS: West Schouwen ARLHS:NET-029 QSL H/C (d/b)
29/03-04/04 PA/ON7GF: West Schouwen ARLHS:NET-029 QSL H/C (d/b)
29/03-04/04 PA/ON8MP: West Schouwen ARLHS:NET-029 QSL H/C (d/b)
29/03-30/03 SX5P: Nisos Rodos WLOTA:0045 QSL SV5FRD (d/b)
29/03-14/04 TO1C: Martinique Island WLOTA:1041 QSL ON4IQ (d/b)
29/03-30/03 TO5A: Martinique Island WLOTA:1041 QSL F5VHJ (d/b)
29/03-30/03 V25V: Antigua Island WLOTA:1118 QSL G4DFI (d)
29/03-30/03 ZM2M: New Zealand (N. Isl.) WLOTA:LH-0069 QSL ZL2AL (d/b)
30/03-17/04 5R8HT: Madagascar Island WLOTA:2455 QSL H/C (d/b)
30/03-17/04 5R8HT: Nattes Island WLOTA:0100 QSL H/C (d/b)
01/06-30/06 4W6R: East Timor Island WLOTA:0019 QSL EA4URE (d/b)
04/04-05/04 WE8A/KH2: Guam Island WLOTA:0064 QSL JF3MYU (d)
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The following operation is approved for DXCC credit:

S05A - Western Sahara 2007 Operation

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Bill Moore NC1L
DXCC Manager
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* QSL E72AA - E72AA is Edin, the former T97M. Ralph, K2PF is his QSL manager. Ralph reports "As I learn new calls for other T9 calls I handle, I'll let you know". [K2PF]

* QSL E74DX - E74DX is Dejo, the former T94DJ. Ralph, K2PF is his QSL manager. [K2PF]

* QSL 9M6LSC - Phil, G3SWH reports that there appears to be some confusion and incorrect QSL routing information in circulation for the operation from 9M6LSC between 6th and 12th March 2008. 9M6LSC is a club station and this operation was by Brian, G4ODV aka 5B4AIZ. QRZ.com lists the QSL route as being via JN1WTK, which is incorrect. Some sources list G4ODV and even G4OBK as the QSL route. The correct route for this operation *ONLY* is via G3SWH. See www.g3swh.org.uk/9m6lsc.html [G3SWH & AD5YS]

QSLs received LoTW - 5Q2J, 5R8GZ, 9V1QQ, CE0Z, EA3KU, F8PDR, HT2N, IR4X, K4FCC, K9OZ, N6NO/VP9, OY3JE, RA1ACJ, TK5EP, TR8CA, V8FDM, VA3HUN, VE3DZ, XR9A, YB4IR

QSLs received direct - 3C7Y (via EA5BYP), 4O3B (via OH2BH), 4O60BH (via OH2BH), 5R8NL (via PA7FM), 8P9NX (via W0SA), 9X0W (via DK2WV), CU2A (via OH2BH), E51WWA (via AD7AF), FJ/OH2AM (via OH2BN), J5C (via F5TVG), OA4DJW, OF8X (via OH2BH), OJ0B (via OH2BH), SD7W (via DL2SWW), UA2FX (via DK4VW), V73NS (via WD8CRT), VK9WWI (via HA7RY), VQ9JC (via ND9M), XU7ACY (via W2EN), YK9SV (via SV1JG)

QSLs received bureau - 3V3B (YT1AD), 5H1HW (AF-032, I5JHW), 9M50MP (AS-015, via 9M2TO), C6APR (via K3IXD), EO80W (UT7WZ), FM/IV3IYH (IK2ILH), FR1AN (N5FTR), J5UCW (IK2ILH), JD1BLY (JI5RPT), P29K (LZ1JZ), R3ARC/1 (EU-147, via RW3RN), S01R (EA5RM), SU8GFTN (AF-101, via IZ8CCW), T88CW (JH0IXE)

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SILENT KEYS -

* Graham Ridgeway M5AAV, went Silent Key in hospital the morning of March 26, 2008.

* Herbert (Herb) Lehman VE3BZU, went Silent Key in hospital the evening of Easter Sunday.

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Kosovo Added to CQ DX Awards Country List Effective 2/17/08

(Hicksville, NY) March 21, 2008 -- Kosovo is being added to the list of countries and territories recognized for CQ DX awards, effective immediately, CQ DX Awards Manager Billy Williams, N4UF, announced today.

Verifications for contacts made on or after February 17, 2008 are acceptable for CQ DX Award credit. CQ DX Honor Roll members with 335 or more credits should update by May 31st for highest placement in Honor Roll listings.

The new 339 entity maximum will appear on CQ DX Honor Rolls to be prepared in early June. CQ DX Honor Roll listings prepared in early April will be based on a 338 maximum count.

All Kosovo contacts will count for field KN on applications for the CQ DX Field Award.

Kosovo's status has been the subject of some controversy in the amateur radio community as well as the world community, as the ARRL declared that special operations from there on February 17 will count as Serbia, not Kosovo, in terms of DXCC credit. The United States and many European countries immediately recognized Kosovo's independence. However, Russia and China are opposed to it and Russia has threatened to veto any U.N. action to recognize Kosovo as an independent nation.

"We are aware that the ARRL has not yet added Kosovo to the DXCC list," explained CQ magazine Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU. "The League says it is waiting for Kosovo to become a member state of the United Nations or be issued a callsign block by the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), a U.N. agency. However, because of geopolitical issues far beyond the realm of amateur radio, it is unlikely that the United Nations or the ITU will act on Kosovo in the near future, even though the United States and many other countries have granted it recognition."

"Because it is CQ's policy to grant credit for contacts with 'new' entities as of the date that their status changes," Moseson continued, "we have decided not to wait for U.N. action, but to follow the lead of the United States and other countries that have recognized Kosovo's independence, and to grant credit for contacts made with stations in Kosovo as of its independence day, February 17, 2008."

(NOTE: This action does not affect the country list for the CQ WW DX Contest. CQWW rules state that its country list is composed of those entities on the DXCC list and the WAE (Worked All Europe) award list. If the WAE Committee decides to add Kosovo to its list, it will automatically be added to the CQWW list.)

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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
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